

General

Hot and humid conditions made up most of the week’s weather. There were some scattered thunderstorms in the northern portion of the state. The week ended with humid conditions and partly cloudy skies. There were 7.0 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 4% very short, 50% short, 44% adequate and 2% surplus.

Crops

The corn crop conditions remained mostly good. Farmers continued to apply fertilize and irrigate corn crops in some of the dryer areas. Soybean planting was just over three-fourths complete with 59% of the crop emerged. The crop remained in fair to mostly good condition. Sorghum planting was completed last week with crop emergence nearing completion as well. The crop was in mostly fair to good condition. Cotton planting was nearly complete with emergence at 88%. The crop remained in mostly fair to good condition. Rice planting was completed last week with crop emergence nearing completion as well. Farmers were busy applying nitrogen to the crop before a permanent flood. The crop condition was fair to mostly good. Winter Wheat harvest was at 9% complete.

Livestock

Livestock were in good condition. Ideal hay conditions allowed farmers to continue cutting and baling hay last week. Conditions on those crops remained fair to good. Dry weather has slowed forage and pasture growth.

Percent of Progress					
Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2005	5 Year Avg
Cotton	Planted	98	90	99	92
	Emerged	88	72	92	79
	Squared	1	0	3	2
Rice	Planted	100	98	99	97
	Emerged	98	94	93	93
Sorghum	Planted	100	98	98	95
	Emerged	98	92	91	89
Soybeans	Planted	77	61	83	62
	Emerged	59	40	66	48
Wheat	Harvested	9	1	3	2

Condition in Percentages					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	0	1	28	49	22
Cotton	1	16	45	31	7
Rice	1	8	28	50	13
Sorghum	2	10	42	39	7
Soybeans	1	7	37	43	12
Wheat	0	5	18	53	24
Hay-Other	0	5	40	50	5
Hay-Alfalfa	0	1	66	32	1
Pasture & Range	1	8	37	50	4

